

Randolph County Commissioners

November 20, 2023

The Randolph County Commissioners met at their regular meeting at 9:00AM in the Commissioners and Council Room in the Courthouse with the following members present: Board President Michael Wickersham, Gary Friend and Gary Girton. Also present was Randolph County Auditor Laura J Martin, Sheriff Art Moystner and County Attorney Meeks Cockerill.

Pledge of Allegiance

Council's update

Mike said first item on the agenda is the Council update. Welcome Dave.

Dave Lenkensdofer said thanks for having us. Explain up to date from our last meeting. We did approve the additional \$20,000 for the animal shelter. It's very important to keep that moving forward. Second one is that Chris Shaneyfelt come in with a grant of about \$18,000. I don't quite remember what that was for, do you Laura?

Laura said reimburse part of his salary.

Dave Lenkensdofer said okay. We did the transfer of real estate. I'll get back to that. We did an additional appropriation about \$186,000, which would put commissioner's comp pay out \$30,000. You guys requested the airport fuel, courthouse utilities, public safety, gas and oil, and the Windfarm of \$51,500 for the Parker City. I have spoken briefly to Jim Martin again, on the monument. He's saying next year they're going to try to expand that loops out there so it doesn't touch anywhere.

Mike said that was a good catch Dave.

Dave Lenkensdofer said yeah, I had a lot of years over at the Community Christmas. One of the main things we talked about was the Rainy-day fund. We agreed to move \$250,000 from Windfarm to the Rainy day for this year yet. Just waiting on your ideas on approval to match that \$250,000. And what we're going to do, we'll do a resolution in December for the total amount, whatever that is, so we can get that in, yet, this year. And I noticed the Windfarm had about a million dollars of uncommitted monies at this point in time.

Mike said so, is council considering taking money beyond the Windfarm money to put in Rainy day?

Dave Lenkensdofer said yeah, we're going to match it with \$250,000 out of General funds.

Mike said okay.

Dave Lenkensdofer said so it will make 5. Just like I said before, we need to get it to, at least, 3 million, a little over 3 million to back up our health insurance. I think that's about all I have.

Mike said so, are you requesting us to act on it today?

Dave Lenkensdofer said that can be a request, yes.

Mike said we've talked about it. Do we want to act on that or do we want to think about it for a couple of weeks, take care of it in a December meeting to give you guys time to add it to your budget?

Dave Lenkensdofer said well we'll have to have a resolution. Your December meeting would be what, the 4th of December. You'd have to have a resolution in place already.

Mike said well if we made a decision, you could act on that resolution on the 5th.

Dave Lenkensdofer said okay. We'd have to have a resolution before the 5th.

Laura said we've got it.

Meeks said we have it. I sent it to, didn't I send it to you?

Laura said we've got one.

Dave Lenkensdofer said okay. That'll be fine, Mike.

Mike said I'm in favor of doing that.

Gary Friend said I'm in favor of doing that, 100%.

Mike said I could go ahead and do it today.

Gary Friend said I could too.

Mike someone want to make that motion?

Gary Friend said I'll make that motion.

Mike said a motion to approve a \$250,000.00 out of Windfarm funds to Rainy day fund. Do I have a second?

Gary Girton seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Dave Lenkensdofer said thank you very much. I think that's it, unless you have anything for me.

Mike said have any questions for Dave?

Mike said I have a question Dave, I'm sorry. I have a question about the airport manager.

Dave Lenkensdofer said okay.

Mike said I got a call this weekend about something about his salary being approved for the rest of the year?

Dave Lenkensdofer said Laura can explain. There was an adjustment had to be made.

Mike said okay.

Dave Lenkensdofer said of a payment of an airport employee.

Laura said so a mistake my office made when calculating the hourly rate to put into the system. They calculated it at 70 hours instead of 80 hours. So, it made his rate higher than it should have been. So, he was overpaid. I talked to Meeks, I talked to the State board of accounts. State Board of accounts sent me an email recommending, or not recommending, they said this is how you could fix it. Based off of this, council approved it, and they did, that we do a salary ordinance amendment to match what we paid him thus far. And then his salary would drop back down to the original salary amount for the rest of the year.

Mike said okay.

Dave Lenkensdofer said alright. Thanks.

Art Moystner – Axon quotes, Spillman Quotes (tabled from 11/6) & Sentry Security, Security Automation & Ray O'Herron Quotes

Mike said Art Moystner, Randolph County Sheriff. Morning Art.

Art Moystner said good morning. In continuing with the list, I had provided are some things that I thought were worth looking at. We have received some quotes for some of those projects at the jail.

Mike said alright.

Art Moystner said and we can start with whichever you guys would like to start with.

Mike said well your priority list has tactical team Kevlar replacement is number one on the list.

Art Moystner said it is.

Mike said so why don't we start with that one?

Art Moystner said perfect. We supply body armor to all the officers when they're working routine shifts. One of the things we were able to do about five years ago is we purchased some

special Kevlar for those that are on our tactical team. The shelf for all of that by the manufacturer is five years. So, those expire this year. So, we're looking to replace the Kevlar panels inside those tactical vests.

Mike said \$985 apiece?

Art Moystner said yes sir. And then I would share that the bottom one that has three at \$399 apiece, those are considered active shooter vests. Those are something that go in patrol units. And we have different people that are on the team, and then as we've had people leave, when we originally purchased, anyone that was on the tactical team received the better carriers and then all the other patrol units, we purchased some plates that you could throw on over top of your uniform in an event we have something within the county as far as an active shooter incident. We have three patrol units that do not have an active shooter vest in their vehicle right now and are not a member of the team. So, this would bring it up to speed where all the patrol units would have one of those plate carriers that they could throw.

Mike said okay. So, that is a total of \$7,107.00? Is that correct?

Art Moystner said that is correct.

Mike said okay. Any questions of Art on the Kevlar request?

Gary Friend said no.

Mike said okay. Next one on your list, number two, would be the internal security locks. We recently replaced two locks in here of 30 years old, would like to have spare locks to replace as they fail, five left hand and five right.

Art Moystner said correct. And what we would do in that situation is if we have locks, and there are several, I've never counted how many we have specifically. I know we have some cell blocks that actually have 12 or 13 of these locks just in that block alone. But what we would do is use that in case a lock would fail. We would put this in and then have that lock rebuilt. But I want to make sure we have enough on hand that if we have several of them out at the same time, we can, we don't have any issues with the security of the jail. And I think what we came up with the total on that was the \$35,627.80.

Mike said \$35,627.80 for 9 locks?

Art Moystner said correct.

Mike said okay. Those are not cheap.

Art Moystner said they are not. And I would share that the, two of these locks that you're looking at, the one that is one each, they are different than the other locks in the building. And there're two doors that take those locks. And when they designed the building, they designed one of those right handed and one of those left handed. So, we can't buy a lock that would work

for both of those. And both of those are secure areas that we definitely need something on standby if that lock would have failed.

Mike said okay. And is there a reason that we need four?

Art Moystner said the four would cover the ones that we have the majority. It would give me four each for all of those. And I've had three locks down at one time that I was able to use less secure areas of the jail that I was able to take a lock and move it to the more secure area while we were rebuilding it. But those were down, I think I had one of them down a month. Usually, they're down about 7 to 10 days to rebuild.

Mike said what is the cost to rebuild those?

Art Moystner said to rebuild? It just depends on what parts are, what parts go out.

Mike said it's worth it to rebuild them?

Art Moystner said it is worth it because we're not buying the shell, and some of the hardware. We're just replacing solenoid and switches, and possibly wires. It's a lot cheaper to rebuild than buy new.

Gary Girton said they are all rebuildable?

Art Moystner said they are rebuildable. We might have to replace everything inside the lock, but we could rebuild into the shell.

Mike said do they give you a last on these?

Art Moystner said they do not, but I know we have some that have lasted 30 years. And they're substantial locks.

Gary Girton said I would hope.

Art Moystner said they are.

Gary Friend said how many locks do you have in the jail?

Art Moystner said we have 106 beds. That 106 beds, there's probably, I don't know how many cells, themselves we have. There're, I'm going to tell you we're in the neighborhood at least 100 locks, because they're on every one of the exterior doors, all of the interior doors once you go into the secure area. And then every one of the cell doors within the block has one. So, I can tell you, you're in at least 100.

Mike said internal security locks was third on your priority list. I skipped over internal cameras at the jail, which is second on your priority list.

Art Moystner said correct.

Mike said you currently have two cameras down, several cameras are still analog, which are hard to see, very grainy, need upgraded to digital. There are some blind spots that we need to add camera coverage.

Art Moystner said correct.

Mike said and the quote is for \$101,000?

Art Moystner said and the 101 would be, a few of the places they'd actually been in earlier, and there was a couple of other locations that did not have it, which has a 2nd quote of \$11,100. So, it would be the combination of the two.

Mike said so, replacement of what we have is 101 and the new cameras would be 11,1?

Art Moystner said I think.

Mike said 101,950?

Art Moystner said there's also five additional on the first page, with the 101, there were five new locations.

Gary Friend said the 11,1 would replace two?

Art Moystner said that would be the total to upgrade everything, correct, would be the two added together. Would upgrade, and add the new cameras in the blind locations.

Mike said and you consider all three of these to be absolutely necessary for the safety of your project and the safety of Randolph County?

Art Moystner said I do. I think they're very important.

Mike said have any questions of Art?

Gary Friend said we're in a position to do it at this point in time.

Mike said I agree. I think it's, I think it's necessary for a thirty-year old jail.

Gary Friend said yeah.

Art Moystner said and I think if we put the funds into this building, we have a building that's going to last for a while.

Mike said and that's what we want. We want to preserve that building.

Art Moystner said the alternative is, I talked to Mr. Lenkensdofer the other day. It's a rather expensive alternative.

Gary Friend said just the AC unit alone is outside of ARPA funds. I'm in favor of getting you the parts you need. If you start buying subscriptions ahead of time, that should be thrown into county general. This is more of a cum cap use.

Art Moystner said and I don't necessarily disagree with some of that. I also think if we can add it on now, we're going to save the county 25 or 30% on that figure down the road.

Gary Friend said well I agree with you, but the council can do that too.

Art Moystner said sure.

Gary Friend said its an operation expense.

Art Moystner said sure.

Mike said so do we have a motion?

Gary Girton said I'll move that we approve Art's recommendation for those three items.

Mike said just take those out of ARPA?

Gary Girton said yes.

Mike said have a motion to approve the Kevlar vests at \$7,107, the locks at \$35,627.80, and the cameras at \$101,950 and \$11,100 to be paid out of ARPA.

Gary Friend seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Art Moystner said I would ask the commissioners if you would like me to bring this to one of you for a signature, or whether I have your approval to sign that on your behalf for a contract at the jail to have this work done? With it being specific to the building, I definitely want your authority before I would sign those contracts in this particular case.

Mike said but these, you want to sign the contract?

Art Moystner said I can sign those. I just would like the commissioners' authority to do so.

Gary Friend said I'll make a motion to give him authority.

Mike said I have a motion to give Art authority to sign these four quotes. Do I have a second?

Gary Girton seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said anything else for us?

Art Moystner said I don't think I have anything today. I don't know, I guess I would make the commissioners aware that the investigation into the incident we had a few weeks ago was concluded, and the prosecutor had made a determination that the officers have been cleared, and it was a justified incident on our behalf, as unfortunate as the whole thing was. But the officers have been cleared.

Mike said good. They are improving?

Art Moystner said they are improving. We will know more when we get to the 27th, and have the next follow up. But I thank you.

Mike said thanks Art.

Ed Thornburg- Tower Drainage (tabled from 11/6)

Mike said Ed Thornburg. Deerfield tower drainage project.

Ed Thornburg said our estimate that we brought a couple weeks ago was less than legible if you weren't doing this every day. And I think this gets everything clarified. Do you have any questions?

Mike said so, we're going to share the 4-inch field tile? The 640 feet, we're going to share that expense?

Ed Thornburg said yes.

Mike said we're going to pick up the main tile.

Ed Thornburg said yeah.

Mike said put in a service in with, put a breather in, and we going to hook up some extra things. For a total of \$17,625 to drain the Deerfield site.

Ed Thornburg said yes.

Gary Friend said this is the tower location?

Mike said emergency tower location.

Gary Friend said I was in favor of using ARPA for that.

Mike said we talked about using farm maintenance.

Ed Thornburg said we need to drain our own farm.

Mike said we don't have any idea what that cost would be do we?

Ed Thornburg said no, and I noticed when I sat down here, I just missed a call from Chris, which probably was to ask something about that.

Gary Girton said do you want to do something before they put crops out this year?

Ed Thornburg said before this next year? Ideally.

Gary Girton said I say, is that his intent?

Ed Thornburg said yes. Now, on this work here, our intent is to get this before spring.

Gary Girton said right.

Mike said and the only difference is if we get this out of farm maintenance then we had some left in farm maintenance to do our farm then came back to pay the balance out of ARPA.

Gary Friend said I'm okay with that.

Gary Girton made motion to approve.

Mike said I've got a motion to approve the recommended drainage plan at Deerfield tower for \$17,625.00 to pay out of our farm maintenance line.

Gary Friend seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Ed Thornburg said while I'm here. I got forwarded to me an application for utility agreement from Charter Communications, which evidently, originally applied for in October. And I got this, I seen this in my email about 8:00 Friday night. I mean, I got it Friday afternoon sometime. I've looked at it. There's a couple of things I'm going to request, probably request a change. I've got in review one of the handhold locations.

Gary Friend said this is the department you agreed to take over.

Ed Thornburg said this is that, yeah, this is that thing that, it's starting out to be interesting. It's not going to be bad. But anyway, I've got this first agreement. This is for work they're going to do on County Road 400 South. And I printed the plan off, but I want to look at it on a larger screen. But I see there's a couple things I'm going to get back with them on, but overall, I think this is an approvable project.

Mike said an approvable?

Ed Thornburg said yes.

Mike said okay. And so, you're recommending approval?

Ed Thornburg said yes, I'm recommending approval on it.

Mike said have you shared this with the highway department?

Ed Thornburg said I can.

Mike said probably ought to do that.

Ed Thornburg said I figured I'd send it back after we get it done.

Mike said so we've got a county utility agreement with a BSM Group on behalf of Sunrise Telecommunications for Charter Communications. It's for a duct placement by directional bore plate 1 1/4-inch duct and fiber optic cable, at minimum depth of 30 inches. To be placed along north side of the 400 west 400 South, and their address 2590 West 400 South, 300 feet within the right-of-way. And this is being recommended to us by Ed Thornburg, county surveyor. Anyone have any questions of Ed?

Gary Friend said none.

Mike said want to move approval?

Gary Friend made motion to approve. Gary Girton seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Ed Thornburg said I will deal with it. Alright. Thank you very much.

Mike said thank you Ed.

John Greene, NLBC – fiber network projects (tabled from 11/6)

Mike said the next item is John Greene, NLBC. Daniel, are you here on behalf of the technology committee?

Daniel Baker said we have decided to table that.

Mike said that's a good idea.

Daniel Baker said to further investigate.

Mike said I mentioned also, I mentioned to Jim Byrd, last month, or last meeting, it might be appropriate to seek some bids on that project, just to see if other providers are interested in running fiber out there. And then, we had the public listening session here where Indiana Broadband, they've got a whole list of opportunities, of providers for underserved areas.

Daniel Baker said yeah. I was talking with Jim and Joe, and others. We've decided to table that one.

Gary Friend said \$365 million for the entire state to leave no person unserved, no one.

Daniel Baker said yeah, that's what I heard from.

Daniel Baker - RCU 3 Year EDIT Plan

Mike said okay. With that tabled, then Daniel Baker, Randolph County United the 3-year EDIT plan is coming upon us, and you're here to talk about your budget.

Daniel Baker said yes, so I'm here today to request an increase of \$20,000.00 from \$250,000.00, \$270,000.00, largely due to inflationary pressures. I do believe this is actually a conservative, it's actually less than the 5% annual increase that we've seen in inflation over the last three years. However, we do believe that we can, we can offset some of those costs by our membership dues, grant opportunities and other cost savings that we are putting in place as well. So, that is the request so, if there're any questions?

Mike said that is for the entire office. Support for tourism and support for economic development?

Daniel Baker said yes sir. So, we'll keep the same amount on the tourism line and then increase the economic development line \$20,000.00.

Mike said so, our contribution to tourism would be what it is now?

Daniel Baker said yes.

Mike said your regular monthly would increase by \$20,000 divided by 12?

Daniel Baker said yes sir.

Mike said okay. Any questions of Daniel?

Gary Friend said no. I thought it was a good plan.

Gary Girton said I move we accept this recommendation. I sat with him as the rest of you did and discussed this. I think it's a good plan. He's put significant effort into coming up with these figures.

Mike said our EDIT contribution will be \$270,000 for the next three years, starting 2024.

Gary Girton said right.

Mike said do I have a second?

Gary Friend seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said now there is, I don't know if you want to bring the language up in EDIT plan, it seems that paragraph 3 and paragraph 4 are somewhat confusing, I guess.

Daniel Baker said yeah. So, in the tourism section, it says specifically, Randolph County Tourism Commission, instead of going to Randolph County United or the Economic Development Organization. So, if I was an auditor, I would look at that and ask why the money isn't flowing through Tourism Commission, then to RCU. So, I would, my recommendation is to adjust that language so that it goes to the Economic Development Organization. But still showcases the support for Tourism.

Gary Friend said I would agree with your assessment on how the language currently is. So, yeah.

Mike said three now reads, the Randolph County Community Economic Development Foundation, Inc., being non-profit corporation, contracted 221 per year for the years 2022 and 23. That probably should be adjusted to read Randolph County United.

Daniel Baker said I would agree, yep.

Mike said incorporated, a non-profit corporation, contract amount of 270, that would be 270 less what, tourism is giving now.

Daniel Baker said yes, 28,000, something or other.

Mike said paragraph 14, the Randolph County Tourism Commission for support and programs to promote tourism in Randolph County, that should reflect the Randolph County United for the support and programming of Randolph County Tourism in Randolph County. Wouldn't that cover it?

Daniel Baker said yes.

Meeks said well we're going to have to do a new EDIT plan. I'm going to have to look at it, because there's a contract and so we have to make sure the contract, I'll, we'll look at it.

Mike said okay. We just want to make sure that.

Meeks said January. It'll be ready for the January meeting.

Mike said make sure the money is flowing through Randolph County United for the benefit of Tourism. So, we'll take care of that.

Daniel Baker said alright. Thank you, sir.

Mike said anything else this morning, Daniel?

Daniel Baker said no, but that's the only thing that's been on my mind, other than you guys had attended the meeting. Unfortunately, I wasn't able to be there, but I did hear it was a good event. Ready 2.0, we, the project portal has closed. However, I've been told that if we have projects that come over the next few months, we can still put them in there, because a project is a project to them. So far, we have about three projects that were submitted for Randolph County only, which is the airport terminal, trails project, and sorry, there're four, to Vision Corner, again, for the 2nd floor and then Union City is trying to do an industrial road out in that area. So, I'm still trying to solicit some more projects on that, and we've also, there's some other multi-county projects, that I'm not going to try to rattle off my head, but once I get that list, I'll be forwarding that on so that everybody can review it.

Gary Friend said Ready 2.0 have the same contribution?

Daniel Baker said yeah. So, there is a, there is a 1 on 1 match from the public, and then it's a 4 to 1 match from the private public. I'll have to confirm that.

Gary Friend said it's an aggregate, you can add them up together.

Daniel Baker said yes, there's an aggregate, and then on top of that, the 4 to 1 match is at the portfolio level, so it's a region. So, if we have a lower match say in the community, as long as that portfolio match equals 4 to 1, this last round, Ready 1.0, we were at a 16 to 1 match from a portfolio level.

Mike said I will say that the listening session with the Indiana Broadband office, they mentioned a website, and I think you probably can just search that, but it had their initial plan for approving broadband projects throughout the state of Indiana. And they are ready and willing to take comments and it details how they pick, how they score the projects that are presented. And it's pretty interesting stuff.

Daniel Baker said okay, we'll take a look at that.

Mike said if you have time to go to that website, anybody in the room, it's probably worth your time, especially, if you are underserved. I'd really encourage you to do that if you're underserved. Okay. Anything else for Daniel? Thanks Daniel.

Daniel Baker said yep, thank you.

Jim Martin and Jen Tarter, Winchester Main Street – Thank you

Mike said Jim Martin and Jen Tarter from Winchester Main Street, and looks like they have John Stanley with them today too. I have to ask you Jim, did you put the lights up on your building?

Jim Martin said on my building? Yes.

Mike said you probably could put the lights up out here then.

Jim Martin said no. No, no.

Mike said and they are up before Thanksgiving, early Christmas.

Jim Martin said well this year we definitely wanted to make it all about the monument and the veterans that it served. And that's why we did it on the day before veterans' day. John Stanley had the good idea of having it that Friday, the day before because typically, veterans will go out of town to reap benefits given to veterans and so, we wanted to have it that night. And we just wanted to come here and say thank you, thank you so much for the money that you donated, the support that you've given Main Street, and it was a successful event.

Mike said I would say you're welcome and I would say thank you.

Jim Martin said thank you.

Jen Tarter said also, opening up the courthouse, people, I think, really enjoying touring. They had some nice displays downstairs and it was just great.

Jim Martin said and then Jen has a list of, it wasn't just a Main Street thing, or a commissioner's thing. It was, she has a list of all the different organizations and people that had supported us as well.

Jen Tarter said we had a 12-person committee, which was amazing in itself, was great. I don't know if I should read their names but, obviously, John, Shonda Bond, Brandon, Jim, Jim Nunez, Greg Pruitt, John Stanley, Vonda Shepard, Scottie Harvey, Kate Thornburg and Missy Williams, and then the city helped a lot. You know, it's great to have them have all of their, they put all their lights up early too around town, which was great. They left the flags up for us as well. Fire department, street department, was a big help. We had Randolph County Schools take part in an essay contest. We had three students read essays during the program, which is amazing. Of course, Falcon Industries who created the piece for the monument, as well as the Force who performed during the ceremony. Kevin Shook, we can't wait to see his project. He did drone footage and stills and videos. It's going to be amazing to see that and relive it. Randolph County United and North Block Coffee had hot coffee to warm some people up. So, it was just a great event, and we can't wait to work, you know, in the future, next year. They're already talking about a different date or a new date, and thinking about next year. So, we appreciate it.

Jim Martin said definitely intended on keeping it a monument ceremony for the veterans as well. Thank you very much.

Gary Friend said even the motorcycles showed up.

Jim Martin said yes. And as far as we can tell, that was a complete mishap, misunderstanding on their part. They weren't trying to be completely obnoxious.

Gary Friend said no, I don't think so.

Jen Tarter said it was good.

Gary Friend said how about the lights going out around the square and the appropriate areas.

Gary Girton said that was nice.

Jim Martin said thank you. Yeah, that was part of, it was Cecil Cantrell and Greg Pruitt timing that very, yeah, it really added something. But then I also didn't know, you might have noticed that a couple days afterwards, we did hear the idea that it was very black on the top, the soldier. We just assumed that all that light from the bottom would have illuminated the soldier as well, but unfortunately, he was in the shadow. And so, we did install some floor lights onto the soldier to illuminate him at the top.

Gary Friend said I seen that and then the other day I seen where you'd done that.

Mike said okay. Well thanks again.

Jim Martin said thank you.

Jen Tarter said thank you.

Gary Girton said I thought it was very good. I enjoyed it. My only comment was I had difficulty hearing the essay's. I was really interested in hearing those because I was impressed with the kids that made an effort to do that. And from where I was standing, I could hear part of it, but not all of it. So, I told, ran into a couple of the board members afterwards, I know they thought the same thing. It's something, in my perspective, I really wanted to hear the students because they put a lot of effort into what they were saying.

Jim Martin said they did, yes. And we apologize for that because we were not expecting that many people. We were expecting, we had 50 chairs set out for veterans and disabled, that come along in front with their families. And we had people along, behind them, but then also, they had people over on the west side, and north side, just everywhere. And so, we think with that big of a crowd, we'll definitely get a bigger PA system next year.

Gary Friend said I think you'll have a bigger crowd next year.

Jim Martin said it's possible.

Mike said a good crowd to have.

Jim Martin said it is. I think it was great to see the community coming together.

Jen Tarter said thank you for noticing that.

Jim Martin said thank you.

Mike said thank you. Have a happy thanksgiving.

Mayor Bob McCoy-update

Mike said Mayor McCoy.

Bob McCoy said November 13th, we met, I think it was a Monday, we met down on North Main to talk about the North Main Street bridge, kind of a field check meeting.

Mike said okay. That's our federal project?

Bob McCoy said all the utilities and what may need moved or whatever. So, just kind of preliminary on that one. I talked to the bridge guys. Said once we start that project, it would be down six months. I kind of have my doubts about that, I think it will probably end up being closed a year, but we'll see. Just after some of the other bridges, it's just things don't always go that quickly. Splash pad, was tested and winterized last week. Everything went good. We got a few things on the punch list we need to finish up. But, hopefully, early spring, when it starts warming up, the splash pad will open probably before the pool. And we'll be working out some basically, operations in the next couple of months with the parks department. Community Crossings, I've already touched on this the last meeting. We were awarded Greenville Avenue from Washington to the new hospital, which will include part of your property down there, I call it the dreadful turn there, that everybody wants to run into that wall. Hopefully, that's kind of going to be rounded off, have a different look, and I think it'll make a big difference in that area.

Mike said Z turn before they had before they had roundabouts.

Bob McCoy said yeah. And then the next one, that project will actually probably bid around the 12th of December, and we'll probably open the bids on the 9th of January. So, that will be a spring project. And then we're currently looking at what we'll apply for next year, which we're kind of looking at Franklin from Polk to Meridian, as a project, which would include, if you look down there along Brody's building where the mural is painted, how that sidewalk is all messed up, and think and thin, talking about bringing that in closer and matching is up with the rest of the sidewalks going down Franklin, and making that angle parking through there to alleviate a lot of problems and maybe add some parking in downtown. So, that's what we're looking at for a next project.

Mike said okay. Any questions of Bob? We did get approval for an animal contract, additional appropriation. They did approve the contract, so it's here for our signature. So, we can go ahead and sign that, get that taken care of.

Bob McCoy said thank you.

Brad Dilger, EDPR – Riverstart IV

Mike said Brad Dilger with EDPR, Riverstart IV road use agreement, is that what you're telling me?

Brad Dilger said yeah. I have communicated with Gary and Meeks and Mike, as well, but I have copies of a draft bond, plus this is the map that's kind of the road use agreement. So, this is to

support activities while we're still finalizing the upgrade plan. So, this limited performance bond is to cover any activities in this hopefully, very short time. I know that the civil department is working with our survey company to finish up that. And the amount that we have on that bond is based on the 15.5 miles indicated on the map, and multiplied by the number that Mike gave us for 190, I think it was \$190,000.00 per mile for wedge, level and useable surface.

Mike said okay.

Brad Dilger said so, Meeks reviewed this and said it all looks good to him, and then recommended that you know, we just talk to the commissioners and so that's why I'm here today. This is very similar to one that was used for Headwaters I many years ago, just different amount.

Mike said well if Meeks has looked at the bond and considers it to be appropriate, then I have no objection to it.

Brad Dilger said okay.

Mike said so you'll be getting us a signed copy of it?

Brad Dilger said sure will. I have it, our various departments are just wanting to get approval from the commissioners, so, we can get moving with that today, probably. And then, as we move toward a final upgrade plan, there was a question from our civil department of how the county wants to receive funds, like there's been a question of what the county would like to receive those funds directly, and then the county can repair the roads. Like Mike can, and his team can repair the roads as they see fit, or how we should structure that.

Mike said we, typically, we've not done that.

Brad Dilger said okay.

Mike said we have let your firm contract with an outside provider.

Brad Dilger said sure.

Mike said to repair and or replace the road when necessary, based upon the road use agreement. That's based upon the fact that we don't have the manpower to go out there and do that. So, unless something's changed, I've not had conversation with Mike about doing it in house.

Brad Dilger said sure.

Mike said since Mike's announcement at our last meeting that he's going to be retired in April or May.

Gary Friend said April.

Brad Dilger said gotcha.

Mike said a different situation. So, I think before we answer that question, we probably ought to talk to Mike and his department and see what they're thinking.

Brad Dilger said okay.

Mike said I do know, and we've had different levels of road repair, I guess is the best way to put it. Headwaters I, they came in, they tore up all the roads, put cement stabilizer down and gravel, gravel throughout the project, which the county was not real pleased with. But I think the final results when Headwaters I was done, I think the county was well pleased with it. Headwaters II and the projects since then have been done differently. And with solar you don't go in and tear up the roads because you don't have that weight. But Headwaters II, they come in, tear them up and replace it, they tore them up and then they replaced them later.

Brad Dilger said gotcha.

Mike said and personally, for me, I think the, those roads after they were done, looked better in Headwaters I than II. So, I think there'll be some discussion on how we go about these roads, which ones get, and I think I saw a map early, that some are going to get some heavy traffic, some are not, so forth. So, I think we've had some conversation.

Brad Dilger said yeah, in some conversations with Mike, he just indicated that the county could do it at a better rate than, you know, other.

Mike said well we do have a paver now. So, maybe that's what he's thinking. We've had one year of paving, so we do have some experience under our belt with paving. Depending upon who you are and what paving you see will be your judges, how much, how good we are at paving. It's a learning curve. And so, maybe he's got that in the works. I don't know.

Gary Friend said I don't know. I would talk to the superintendent, I'm more inclined right now, to let his crew take care of the paving locally and letting you guys take care of the roads. Just like we did with Headwater's I.

Brad Dilger said yeah, we can kind of model our proposal, you know, based on the road conditions.

Gary Friend said you fix what you have and let the highway department continue on general maintenance throughout the county.

Brad Dilger said yeah. Yeah, we can mirror what was done for Headwaters I if that seems like that was the most successful.

Gary Friend said well what Mike said was right at the end.

Mike said I'm not sure you have to mirror because you're not going to have the weight out there, like Headwaters I. It's going to be solar it's not going to do as much damage, and it wouldn't make sense to tear them all up to begin with. You're talking how many miles in this project?

Brad Dilger said on that map is 15.5. I don't think we're going to use that much.

Mike said that's a much smaller. Maybe it is something he thinks he can do.

Gary Friend said I'm going to talk to him.

Mike said any questions, Gary?

Gary Girton said no. We'll just have to wait and see what we can work out.

Brad Dilger said and how would you like to, is that a meeting that, like at the commissioner's meeting or just separately, or how would you like to pursue that?

Mike said well if you want, you and Mike want to sit down with Brad.

Gary Friend said yeah, I can get with Mike and then get with you.

Brad Dilger said okay. Alright.

Mike said that's a discussion to be had with the three of them.

Gary Girton said I think Joe would be involved.

Mike said pardon?

Gary Girton said Joe.

Mike said maybe and maybe Joe Copeland would be involved. Okay. Anything else for us Brad?

Brad Dilger said no. I mean Riverstart III, you know, panels are continuing to arrive, so there's increased traffic around there. I've been in contact with Art a couple of times just to let him know what's going on. I haven't heard anything regarding trucks being in the wrong spot too often anyway. So, feel like that's moving along pretty well. And as that progresses, or if anything comes up, please feel free to reach out.

Mike said okay. Very good.

Brad Dilger said okay. Thank you, commissioners.

Gary Friend said we'll be in touch with you.

Brad Dilger said great, sounds good.

Gary Friend said what kind of time frame are you on? Sooner rather than I mean like, quickly?

Brad Dilger said yeah, sooner than later. But it's as you're available. I can make myself available. Thank you.

Mike said okay. That brings us to the end of our top part of our agenda. Brings us to other business.

Other Business:

Payroll Claims \$298,639.18

Mike said payroll claims are at our place, \$298,639.18. I'd entertain a motion to approve the payroll claims.

Gary Friend made motion to approve. Gary Girton seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Minutes 11-6-2023

Mike said we also have our minutes of our last meeting, November 6th, 2023. Are there any additions, corrections or deletions to those minutes?

Gary Friend said page 50, I was referring to Eldora.

Mike said do they have the page numbers on there?

Laura said no, but I made a note. I made a note to change it.

Mike said okay. So, that wasn't at Eldora?

Gary Friend said no, no, it was left out and added other adjectives.

Mike said okay. So, Eldora will be added.

Gary Friend said yeah, in reference to the tower that I'm talking about.

Mike said any other corrections, deletions to the minutes? Hearing none, I'd entertain a motion to approve the minutes as corrected.

Gary Friend made motion to approve. Gary Girton seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Regular Claims \$531,235.15

Mike said brings us to our regular claims, which we received via email in the amount of \$531,235.15. I'd entertain a motion to approve our regular claims.

Gary Girton made motion to approve. Gary Friend seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Town of Modoc EDIT claim \$10,000.00

Mike said next claim is for the town of Modoc. It's their 2023 EDIT distribution in the amount of \$10,000.00. I'd entertain a motion to approve that claim.

Gary Girton made motion to approve. Gary Friend seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Housing Resource Hub October & November \$4,000.00

Mike said next claims are for the Housing Resource Hub in the amount of \$2,000.00 for the month of October, and the month of November. I presume we haven't paid October.

Laura said yeah. We didn't see their bills so I called them.

Mike said in the total amount of \$4,000.00. I'd entertain a motion to approve this claim.

Gary Friend made motion to approve. Gary Girton seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Randolph County United \$18,467.66

Randolph County United Tourism \$2,365.66

Mike said the final two claims this morning are for Randolph County United, their monthly draw in the amount of \$18,467.66, and another withdrawal for Randolph County United Tourism in the amount of \$2,365.66. I'd entertain a motion to approve both of these claims.

Gary Girton made motion to approve. Gary Friend seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Mike said that brings us to the end of our agenda. Laura, do you have anything for us?

Laura Martin – Permanent minutes, HyperReach agreement

Laura said permanent minutes.

Mike said for October 10, 16th, excuse me, 2023. Do you have anything else for us this morning? We approved the Hyper Reach agreement at our last meeting subject to some corrections in the agreement that were requested by our attorney. Hyper Reach has modified their agreement. Our attorney has reviewed it and agrees with the new agreement. So, I think this would clear things up if I could have a motion to approve the signing of the Hyper Reach Agreement, and if you recall this is the emergency county-wide, a notice that Chris Shaneyfelt from Homeland Security, 911.

Gary Friend said it replaces Code Red. I'll make a motion.

Mike said I have a motion to approve this agreement as presented. Do I have a second?

Gary Girton seconded the motion. All aye votes. Motions carried.

Meeks Cockerill – Deed for Farmland property

Mike said Meeks, do you have anything for us this morning?

Meeks said we did get the deeds back from Farmland, I got recorded. So, that's been recorded.

Mike said okay. Anything else?

Meeks said I do not.

Mike said and next month, we have our public hearing for the transfer of the property of Camp Yale, Slingshot to Open Arms Ministry.

Meeks said correct.

Mike said Gary Friend, do you have anything for us this morning?

Gary Friend- Pasture lease, Farmland EMS Building

Gary Friend said a couple. Drew Cleveland called me about the pasture land. I couldn't recall, did the pasture land come out for bid?

Meeks said the pasture didn't.

Mike said it hasn't expired yet.

Meeks said that lease has not expired.

Gary Friend said he wants to bid on that.

Mike said so, we'll do that, that would be next year.

Gary Friend said okay and will we be doing it or it go through Halderman?

Mike said I would say it would go through Halderman.

Meeks said you guys haven't voted on that yet.

Gary Girton said no, that part was kept separate.

Mike said yeah, it is kept separate, but we.

Meeks said you guys haven't signed up with Halderman on that.

Gary Girton said right.

Meeks said I'm certain.

Mike said we've not done that yet. But I guess, does he need to know that.

Gary Friend said he just needs to know what will be the steps.

Meeks said it will be for 2025. It's under lease for 2024.

Mike said it would not come around until fall of next year.

Gary Friend said would it be fair to say that we'd likely turn that over to Halderman.

Mike said I wouldn't know why we wouldn't, other than, I guess I don't know enough about whether pasture land is something we'd want to do that with or not. I suppose we could talk to Chris and see what he says about it. I don't know if he does that.

Meeks said I think he does do that. I will tell you that.

Mike said I would be in favor of turning it over to him.

Gary Friend said I'll reach out to him.

Mike said what are you thinking, Gary?

Gary Girton said that's fine.

Mike said okay.

Gary Girton said who was that?

Gary Friend said Drew Cleveland.

Gary Girton said oh, okay.

Mike said anything else Gary?

Gary Friend said yeah. We brought up the property recorded for the Farmland property. What would be our next step?

Meeks said whatever you guys want to do now. I mean, we've got the property. I mean, bid it, got to get it designed, I don't know.

Mike said can't we take a Burton design-built building and build it?

Meeks said you can do it, yeah, I mean, I think you have bid it after a certain amount lower than \$250,000.00.

Mike said but we could, we'd have to hire an engineer or architect?

Meeks said anything over the 250, you'd have to get something designed by someone, an engineer or architect.

Gary Friend said if it goes over 250?

Meeks said I believe that's it.

Gary Friend said what if it comes in under 250?

Meeks said well the 250 is the threshold. The bidding's threshold. Do we request for proposals? I suppose. It would be up to what you guys want to do.

Gary Friend said I guess I just need to know bottom line, what would be the next step?

Mike said the request for proposals.

Gary Friend said how do we do that?

Meeks said well you will need to get specs, so, you want some, spec out the building or what you want, then you put it in the paper. I have requests for proposal, but I don't know, I'm not qualified to say you know, what type of spec building you need. So, you probably need to get somebody to tell you what you need.

Gary Friend said Duane, would be involved? It just doesn't seem to me that it would be that difficult to spec that kind of building.

Meeks said I can't, I can tell you that. I'm not qualified, and I'm not an architect, not an engineer. So, you would need to get somebody to spec it.

Mike said could we, as far as that spec, could we say or request for proposals for a pre-engineered building that has two garage bays with power doors, I mean, how detailed would we have to get?

Meeks said the more details you can get, the better.

Gary Friend said how about if I bring a draft of specs to our next meeting.

Mike said that sounds good to me. We've got the land, we just go forward with it. We've got the coroner that wants a bay too.

Gary Friend said yep.

Gary Girton said we can't give him a bay until we build a new bay.

Mike said you okay with that?

Gary Friend said okay, I think the last thing, did you check on the legality of how we are do the 1 ½ times for the sheriff's department?

Laura said we took care of that at same meeting you did an ordinance, that salary amendment ordinance.

Gary Friend said I think the question was, was it legal?

Meeks said yes. We got it. We got it fixed. We did a salary amendment ordinance, and that was the council meeting, and Laura did an ordinance, and it was fine.

Gary Friend said for the one month for the sheriff's department?

Meeks said and we've talked to the State board. Well, Laura talked to the State board. You had talked to the State board.

Laura said right. And we did a salary ordinance amendment. It included the amount for the time and a half. So, an hourly rate for each of the people that possibly would fill those.

Meeks said so, we did the, like an actual hourly rate, which is, ended up being time and a half.

Gary Friend said I understand that.

Laura said and the council approved that ordinance so that we could, we had them do a special meeting to get that approved so we could do it within the time frame you guys said. And then so, at your next meeting, depending on the officers, whether they come back or not, you would need to reapprove or not, depending on what Art says, if they're back or not.

Gary Friend said that's all.

Mike said okay. Gary, do you have anything for us?

Gary Girton said the 911 employee's update wasn't very good. Has anything changed on that.

Laura said I haven't heard.

Gary Girton said I know he's got some in training, but he's also got some that's leaving that's put him in a bind.

Mike said I've not heard.

Laura said since you brought that up. You talked about them being paid, we did the pay out, then you mentioned paying any overtime earned from there on out as it was earned. We just need clarification, are we going to go ahead and do that and just give you a report of the overtime each time. Because, if we do the payout, it is going to more time to track it and keep it straight, where if we do it as we do payroll.

Gary Friend said I think we have to review it and decide each time, I think we have to do it that way.

Laura said originally you talked about paying it out as earned, so if Chris puts it in the system as paid time instead of earning comp, then it would payout with the normal payroll. If not then we are going to have to somehow track it. And I don't do the payroll, I'm just relaying what I'm being told by my staff.

Mike said I thought we decided we would pay it each pay.

Gary Friend said but we would review it, then approve it before we pay it out.

Laura said even if we did that, we could give you a report of the comp time and you could say rather you want to continue to pay it out or not each month.

Gary Friend said okay.

Mike said my question is can we pay it out each pay period without council approval?

Meeks said if it's in your budget yes, you don't have to appropriate the money.

Mike said I would prefer to do it that way. If we stay on top of it. We can look at it each month and say if his situation changes and he doesn't have it anymore.

Gary Friend said that's fine with me. The part I was getting at is it just doesn't go on without a monthly review.

Citizen Comments (3 minutes)

Mike asked is there any citizens that would like to share? Hearing none, I'd entertain a motion to adjourn.

Adjournment

Gary Girton made a motion to adjourn. Gary Friend seconded. All aye votes. Motion carried.

Reviewed and signed this 4 day of December, 2023.

RANDOLPH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

M. J. O'Neil

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ATTEST: Laura J. Martin
Laura J Martin, Auditor of Randolph County